

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF
SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY – WORKING GROUP**

Room 348, Department of Public Safety
Middletown, Connecticut

August 8, 2006

ATTENDEES: Legislative Liaison Wil Blanchette – Public Safety, Commissioner Leonard Boyle (Chairman) – Public Safety, Deputy Commissioner Jerry Farrell – Consumer Protection, Assistant State's Attorney Michael Gailor – Criminal Justice, Director Robert Isner – Environmental Protection, Trooper Seth Mancini – Public Safety, Deputy Commissioner Amey Marrella – Environmental Protection.

I. WELCOME

- A. Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Boyle at 2:00 p.m.
 - 1. Minutes approved from the July 18, 2006 meeting

II. PRELIMINARY REPORT

- A. Preliminary Report Was Submitted To The Governor's Office On July 21, 2006
 - 1. Final recommendations to be submitted on or before September 15, 2006

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Three Major Concerns Were Raised Regarding the Westchester Model
 - 1. Increased expenses associated with compliance
 - 2. Increased paperwork
 - 3. If application information falls under the Freedom of Information Act, then data collected may be available to competition

IV. BACKGROUND CHECKS

- A. Connecticut State Police Sergeant Ray Palen – Commanding Officer of the State Police Background Unit – Explained the Different Levels of Backgrounds
 - 1. Type A
 - a. Most in depth
 - b. Investigation includes: fingerprinting, review of financial records, home interviews, search of intelligence databases
 - c. Currently takes approximately two months to complete
 - d. Approximately 400 conducted per year
 - 2. Type B
 - a. Very similar to a Type A, but less detailed
 - b. Mainly used for agencies other than Department of Public Safety
 - 3. Type C
 - a. Search of intelligence databases
 - b. Approximately 2,500 conducted per year

V. REGULATORY SCHEMES

- A. Deputy Commissioner Jerry Farrell, Assistant State's Attorney Michael Gailor, Trooper Seth Mancini, and Wil Blanchette recently traveled to New York to meet with members of the Business Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission.
 - 1. Commission was created to diminish/eliminate organized crime's influence on the public wholesale food markets, private trash hauling industry and gambling industry. Model appears to promote more competitive environment.
 - a. Staffing/Authority
 - i. 60 people assigned to the commission – 30% are from other agencies
 - ii. Commission has full range of investigative and regulatory powers
 - b. Licensing Component
 - i. Background check after initial application submitted
 - ii. Must reapply every two years
 - c. Criminal Investigation
 - i. Continuously monitor existing licensees
- B. Westchester County
 - 1. Commissioner Boyle plans to meet with Westchester County officials concerning their regulatory scheme

VI. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Due to Governor M. Jodi Rell on or before September 15, 2006
 - 1. The Governor's Office will then choose the recommendation(s) that will be brought in front of the General Assembly
 - 2. Anything that you would like to be reviewed for possible insertion into the final report, please send to Charlene (charlene.puska@po.state.ct.us)
 - 3. Working draft will be submitted to the group by August 25, 2006
- B. Items that May Be Included in the Report
 - 1. Licensing Requirements
 - a. Private Haulers
 - b. Municipalities
 - 2. Define Types of Waste
 - a. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) – household and commercial trash
 - b. Construction and Demolition (C&D)
 - c. Green Waste
 - d. Scrap Metal
 - 3. Background Check to be Conducted
 - a. Type A, B, or C
 - b. Define individual(s) to be subjected to background check (principals of the cooperation, owner, managerial supervisors, employees)
 - 4. License Application
 - a. Disclosure of information
 - b. Penalty enacted for false information/representation
 - c. Continuous review of compliance (e.g., financial information, criminal records)
 - d. Revocation of license
 - e. Create an appeals process if license is denied/revoked

5. Regulative/Investigative/Criminal Authority
 - a. Define governing agency for each of the items listed above
 - b. Commissioner Boyle asked the working group to make note of Attorney General Blumenthal's testimony at the public hearing on July 10, 2006.
 - i. Be careful not to over regulate
 - ii. Any new regulation should not be burdensome
 - iii. DEP and DMV already have existing regulations in place
(Commissioner Boyle asked Trooper Seth Mancini to meet with the legal staff at the DEP regarding their existing/proposed regulations)

VII. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2006 – 2:00 p.m., at the Department of Public Safety Headquarters - Room 348, in Middletown.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

